

VICTIM/WITNESS SECTION

SPECIAL EMPHASIS VICTIMS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Program Description

This program provides additional grant assistance for ***funded Victim/Witness Assistance Centers*** to provide direct services and outreach to special crime victims and underserved populations. Special crime victims are defined as individuals who have been victimized by a specific violent crime and who are presently underserved in the community. Special crime victims need not necessarily be a minority population, but may include family members of homicide victims, drunk driving victims and their families, or the elderly and dependant adults.

Eligibility

To receive funding under this program, applicants must be designated by their local County Board of Supervisors as the County's Victim Witness Assistance Center and be either a local unit of government or a non-profit organization.

Authorized By

Federal Victims of Crime Act and the California State Legislature

Fund Source and Amount

Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) - \$1,589,500 for seventeen (17) projects

Grant Award Period

July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009: Thirteen (13) projects
October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009: Four (4) projects

Next Competitive/Non Competitive Application Due Date

For the FY 2009/2009 fund year, this is a non competitive application already in progress

Additional Program Information

The projects funded under this program are required to establish and maintain the following service components: crisis intervention, emergency assistance, resource and referral, counseling, claims assistance, property return, orientation to the criminal justice system, presentations and training, case status/disposition, notifications of family/friends, employer notification/intervention, restitution, outreach, volunteers, and training.

How Do I Get More Information?

This program is administered by the Victim/Witness Section in the Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Victim/Witness Branch of OES at (916) 324-9205.